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\$Please Direct All Correspondence to Customer Number **20995****AMENDMENT / RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL**

Applicant : Alan E. Shluzas et al.
 App. No : 10/678,744
 Filed : October 2, 2003
 For : MINIMALLY INVASIVE ACCESS
 DEVICE AND METHOD
 Examiner : James L. Swiger III
 Art Unit : 3733

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) Amendment in 18 pages.
- (X) Declaration of Gene P. DiPoto Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.131.
- (X) Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

The present application qualifies for Small Entity Status under 37 CFR 1.27.

FEE CALCULATION				
FEE TYPE		FEE CODE	CALCULATION	TOTAL
Excess Claims	51 - 59 = 0	2202 (\$25)	0 x 25 =	\$0
Excess Independent	4 - 6 = 0	2201 (\$100)	0 x 100 =	\$0
1 Month Extension	1.17(a)(1)	2251 (\$60)		\$ 60
Information Disclosure Statement Fee	1.17(p)	1806 (\$180)		\$180
			TOTAL FEE DUE	\$240

- (X) An extension of time is hereby requested by payment of the appropriate fee indicated above.
- (X) A check in the amount of \$240 is enclosed.
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.

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